

Appl. No.: 10/762,495  
Atty. Docket: 2003B004/2  
Amendment dated June 22, 2007  
Reply to Final Office Action of May 4, 2007

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5, 9-15, and 76-79, as presently presented, would be currently pending in the above-captioned application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the allowability of claims 76-79 and of claims 8, 9, and 15, if not dependent upon a rejected base claim. As a result, Applicants have amended claim 1 herein to recite the subject matter of claim 8 and its intervening claim (claim 7), both of which have been correspondingly cancelled herein. In addition, due to the amendments to claim 1, claims 9-10 and 15 have been amended herein to reflect correct claim dependency, *i.e.*, from presently presented claim 1. No new matter would be added by these claim amendments. Further, as these claims have been amended herein to recite subject matter that has otherwise been deemed to be allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that no new issues have been raised by the amendments presented herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment into the record at this time, as well as an allowance of the presently pending claims.

Claims 1-3 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,403,854 to Miller ("Miller"). Further, claims 4-5, 7, and 10-14 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Miller, in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,674,890 to Oleszko ("Oleszko"). Because of Applicants' amendments to claim 1, presented herein, including the subject matter of claim 8, which has been deemed by the Examiner to be allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that both these prior art rejections would be rendered moot upon entry of this Amendment.

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### CONCLUSION

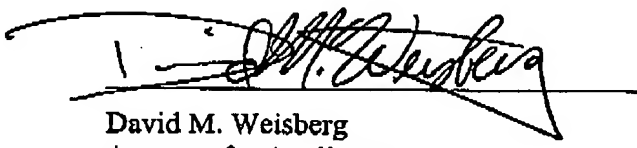
Having demonstrated that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest the invention, as claimed herein, and all other formal issues having now been fully addressed, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests early and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated, since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1712 (Docket #: 2003B004/2).

Respectfully submitted,

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